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Environmental Cleanup Office
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101

SUBJECT: Critical Decision (CD) 2/3 for the Glovebox Excavator Method (GEM) Project (EM-ER-02-107)

Dear Mr. Nygard and Mr. Pierre:

On June 26, 2002, CD 2/3 for the GEM project was approved by the Acting Office Manager, Warren Bergholz. CD 2 approved the project baseline through construction while CD 3 approved all procurement and construction activities for the entire GEM facility. This meets the milestone delineated in section 3.1.2 of the April 18 Dispute Settlement Agreement. We will send you the Stage II Remedial Design documents by October 31, 2002 and intend to commence full field construction activities in late July or early August.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 208-526-5920.

Sincerely,

Jeff Snook
Project Manager